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Secretary of State.

Washington, D. C.,  
January 9th, 1872.



To the President of the  
Board of Trustees of the  
"Corcoran Gallery of Art".

Sir:

Referring to the petition of the  
Board of Trustees of the "Corcoran  
Gallery of Art" for a larger allowance  
as compensation for the use of the  
Art Building and ground than  
that awarded by the Board ap-  
pointed for the purpose by the act  
of Congress incorporating the Trustees  
of the Institution, we have the honor  
to inform you that the whole subject  
of compensation has again been



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J. W. Schauff<sup>(62)</sup>  
Jan'y 22. 1872

Will sell picture of  
"The Fatum" for \$2500.



Williamsburgh, N. Y. Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1872.

Mr. W. W. Concoran

Dear Sir

Jan

According to Your kind letter, Febr. 11<sup>th</sup> 1871,  
You have handed my offer, concerning the sale of  
my painting "The Fatum" (Fate), to the Trustees of  
the Concoran Gallery of Art. As I have not heard from  
that source yet, I take the liberty to ask You the  
favor to inform said Trustees, that I am willing to  
sell the said painting to them for the sum of 2500<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.  
Hoping, that I am not too troublesome to You in asking  
You for the above favor, I would feel myself very much  
honored by Your kind answer on this matter at Your  
earliest convenience and remain

Very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant  
J. W. Shaeffer

Please address:

No 85, sixth Street, betw. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sts.

Williamsburgh, N. Y.

Corcoran Art Gallery

Please inform to whom my  
portrait of Chas. Marshall

L. Chase

Feb. 1. 72

Oliver



S. P. Chase

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Feb. 1. 1872

Order to deliver Portrait  
of Marshall. <sup>900</sup>

Receipt for same.



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(SEE #86)



NB This small notice of the pictures  
was published by the Editor of the  
Scribner Magazine in January's  
Number - of this year -

TWO REMARKABLE PAINTINGS.

A COUPLE of very remarkable paintings are on  
exhibition at Frederick's Photograph Gallery, Broad-  
way. They were brought by Dr. Le Plongeon, a  
scholar and antiquary, from Peru, and are either, as  
claimed, the veritable work of two among the best of  
the old masters, or else excellent and most valuable  
copies. The "Incarnation" is thought by some to  
be a genuine Murillo—it is quite as likely to be an  
original Guido; while the "Saint Anthony of Padua"  
is claimed to be by Aloho Cano. But to whatever  
artists experts may finally attribute these paintings,  
they are certainly wonderful and inspiring pictures, and  
should be seen by all lovers of high and religious art.

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Aug Le Plongeon  
April 2<sup>d</sup> 1892  
Offering two valuable pic-  
tures from Peru, for sale



403 Marcy Avenue  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

April 2<sup>d</sup> 1892.

A. Hyde Esq.

Secretary of the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

Dear Sir,

On returning a few days ago  
from a lecturing tour, that has engrossed  
my attention during the last months, I found  
at home the paintings which formed the  
subject matter of my letter of December  
13<sup>th</sup> 1891. I expected that by this time  
they were in England, but my friends  
have detained them, desirous they should  
remain in this country. They are too  
costly, I find for any private collection,  
in the U. S. but would do honor to any  
public gallery, and be quite an attractive  
feature. I need not eulogize such  
works of art. They speak for themselves.



And art critics have published in the various papers of N. Y. columns of Encomia —

All I can say is: that they would not be out of place in the London National Gallery, or in the Louvre Museum, or any of the great European Collections —

I now take the pen, to bring the subject before you, at the urgent instance of my friends. Merely to gratify their desires, as I have resolved to send the pictures to England — probably next week.

Remembering that in your favor of the 19<sup>th</sup> of December last, you said that Mr. Corcoran might possibly be back from Europe in February, surmising that this gentleman might be glad to add such valuable works to those he already possess, should he be informed of their existence in the country, I take the liberty to mention the fact to him; and bring the matter before the committee of trustees for their consideration —

I will state here, that since my last letter to you, these paintings have been examined by connoisseurs and artists, been pronounced not only originals, but masterpieces to be surpassed by none, if equalled —

Mr. Jackson Jarvis of Boston, said to be one of the best judges and art critics in this country has greatly admired them, in fact pronounced them too good to be properly appreciated by the majority of our people.

Hoping you will not consider me as intruding on your time, and to hear that Congress has done justice to Mr. Corcoran and to the trustees of the Gallery I subscribe myself again

Yours very respectfully  
Auguste Le Bonjean.

M. L.



(66)  
Sister M. Bernard Graham  
June 5. 1892

Loan of \$50,000

Wm. W. Tyler  
Committee of the Association  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1892

My dear Mr. Cochrane  
When I wrote to you I was in great hopes we would be able to get the money we needed at 7 per cent. as we did not wish to go higher, but as we find that is impossible, we have authorized Mr. W. Tyler to obtain it for us through you at 7 1/2, or even less, if he can get it for less.  
We want fifty thousand dollars for fifteen years, & would prefer to be able to draw



the money as we would  
need it for the building, but  
Mr. Tyler thinks this not probable,  
but that we shall have to take  
the whole amount at one  
time — We will mortgage  
our property for the debt, known  
as the Convent & Academy  
of the Visitation near Georgetown.  
The titles are perfectly clear.

I need not assure  
you my dear Sir, that  
we appreciate exceedingly  
the interest you have manifested  
for us, and both friendship  
and gratitude will secure  
for you a fervent remem-  
brance in our prayers. Your  
ready kindness brings to my  
mind that good old maxim  
say "Old friends & true  
friends, never talk to me of  
New friends," and I believe

As we all grow older, we  
often repeat this sentiment  
to ourselves — You have greatly  
obliged me dear Sir, but  
it is no new feeling to your  
heart, the pleasure of doing good,  
and I trust our good God  
will reward you both in  
time and eternity — Believe  
me my dear Mr. Corcoran

With great respect,

Yours sincerely,

N. M. Bernard Chatham  
for the Sisters of the Visitation

D. S. B.

Georgetown. D. C.

P. S. We will take sixty  
thousand dollars at that per-  
centage —



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Sister M. Bernard Graham

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1872

Asking if loan can  
be secured at 7%.

Yf  
Committee of the Tabernacle  
June 6<sup>th</sup> 1872.

My dear Mr. Corman

I do not wish  
to overtax your goodness, as  
indeed we are very grateful  
for what you have already  
done, but I feel it necessary  
to ask you if it would be  
possible for us to get that  
money at 7 per cent.  
Do you think dear Sir you  
can bring any influence to  
obtain it for us at that  
rate? It is urgent for us  
to keep up with the times,  
and make improvements in  
our Academy, but we have  
a very large community to  
support, and an immense



yearly outlay, though personally  
our mode of life is exceedingly  
plain - taking this into consideration,  
and remembering our only income,  
worth speaking of, is the school,  
you may judge this debt  
with a heavy interest is a  
very great undertaking for us.  
The building will be a vast  
public improvement to Georgetown,  
and our Institution can  
scarcely be called a private  
one, where so much is  
done for the poor, and a  
regularly organized benevolent  
School attached to our  
Academy, where the poor  
receive both education and  
many cases which we bestow  
on the day-school - Why  
dear Sir is it necessary to  
offer the additional interest  
to obtain for us this money

When it is now at 7 per cent?  
I hope I am not unfortunate  
but I felt so very much dis-  
appointed at not getting it  
for 7 per cent, I concluded  
to write and ask if there is yet  
any hope you can procure it  
for that rate - Perhaps it  
is not too late, and you can  
urge the matter in those gentlemen  
connected with the business  
and influence them in our  
favor - I shall wait anxiously  
to hear the result of your efforts  
and believe me dear Sir

With great respect  
and gratitude  
Yours sincerely

A. M. Bernard Graham

of the Trustees - of the D. T. B.  
Georgetown D.C.



Sister M. Bernard Graham  
June 6<sup>th</sup> 1872

Y. J.

Coment of the *St. Vincent*  
June 6<sup>th</sup> 1872

Dear Sir

Understanding that you  
attend to Mr. Corcoran's Confidential  
business, I enclose you a note  
for him, which it will oblige  
me much if you will give it  
to him yourself, and add  
to it your influence. I am  
extremely anxious to procure  
if possible, that money for  
7 percent, and hope Mr.  
Corcoran can obtain it for  
me at that interest.

Respectfully  
Yours

H. M. Bernard Graham  
Anthony Hyde Esq.



Geo. T. M. Davis (68)  
July 29<sup>th</sup> 1872

In relation to a bequest  
from Mrs. Abby B. Mills, to  
the Art Gallery





The Corcoran Gallery  
at - Washington. D.C.  
Gutterman

New York July 29<sup>th</sup> 1872

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of this Month  
I filed in the Surrogate's Office of this City, a  
Will executed by Mrs Abby B. Mills which  
she had left with me some length of time  
before her death under a personal pledge that  
I would so file it in the event of my sur-  
-viving her - The persons named in it are  
Mrs Alice Turner Wood - The Corcoran Gallery at  
Washington D.C. - Henry Edmand Pelham  
Button - The Children of John B. Mills -  
E.C.D. Kittredge & The Trustees & Faculty of  
Willamette College.

Yours very Respectfully  
E.W. Davis  
47 Exchange Place



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See "Circular"

Aug. 16. 1872

Offering "Medalic History"  
Ancient coins, medals, &c }  
about 70 books for sale.

The section is in the South of the -  
 Chaparral & Spring. Chaparral: with me  
 numerous stems! The date was purchased the  
 Vegetation (not J. F. Sinner and others) of  
 Chaparral the same as the (Spring for my  
 down Rock. And I will receive him again in the  
 nature for them as an illustration of the same subject.  
 "Nothing but the true way this collection as it  
 across Rocky - down and the distribution,  
 as perhaps to our system in the continent:  
 there by reaching the Pacific  
 Indian O. P. S. Sinner



any  
19. August 16<sup>th</sup> 72

Pennock St. corner Duane  
Dr. W. W. Freeman Esq.  
Washington City D.C.

Most friendly Sir,

Learning from  
Mutual friends, of your noble magnificence,  
to the embellishing of Public Institutions, I address this  
letter to you soliciting your interest in this oppor-  
tunity to obtain for you "Art Gallery" so valuable  
Acquisition as my Medallic History in Ancient & Modern  
Grec. Medals. Coins. Books &c. The Books are the most rare  
& valuable records, as well they are in perfect condition  
numbering about thirty Vols.

This State Legislature passed a Bill at the  
second reading appropriating Twenty Thousand and dollars to  
buy them for this State University. The Bill was left with  
the Finance Committee for a better condition of funds: and  
my circumstances, and health compels me to press  
another more immediate payment for them: as they  
are the "widow's Orphan" within the few Estates of you will  
instruct them will attend to your interest in this matter



Circular  
Mrs Chilton.

Aug. 16. 1872

Circular offering a  
large collection of Coins  
for sale —

The collection numbers thirteen hundred and fifty coins and medals, commencing as far as 500 years before the birth of Christ, and coming down to the present day. The coinage represented is Greek, Roman, Saxon, Norman, Danish, English, Austrian, Prussian, Polish, &c. with a few rare American coins. The Roman coins and medals are from the last Emperor, in succession, down to the Byzantine Period. Not only Portraits is delineated, but Architecture, Agriculture, History, and other branches of human learning, customs, and chronology.

There is a collection of books also that illustrate the coins, medals and tokens, and are considered exceedingly rare as well as valuable and instructive; many of these books are no longer published.

The Collection was the result of the labors and travels of a lifetime by the late Professor Garton, of the University of Louisiana, and a resident of New Orleans for over twenty years. The collection is the most complete and valuable in the South. It would be a very valuable adjunct to a public library, museum, or other similar institution. Opportunities to secure so complete and genuine a collection of Numismatical items are exceedingly rare.

The Collection was in use in some of the great scientific institutions of London, where Professor Garton was lecturing when his death suddenly occurred; and the Massey Bequest took charge of the coins and books and sent them to me—his wife—in New Orleans.

Should it be possible to take steps in your city to purchase this Collection, you will oblige by addressing Major E. C. Wharton, 227 Editor, New Orleans, Louisiana.

MRS. CHILTON



TO  
Literary, Art and Science Associations.

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New Orleans, *August 16<sup>th</sup>* 187*2*

GENTLEMEN:

I desire to dispose, at an early day, of a large and very valuable Collection of Ancient and Modern Coins, Medals, and Tokens, made of copper, bronze, silver, and gold. The collection admirably illustrates the science of Numismatics, and forms a complete Medallie History, that is of great utility for reference and study, apart from the intrinsic value of the Coins for their rarity, or as works of art.

The collection numbers Thirteen Hundred and Fifty Coins and Medals, commencing, as to age, 500 years before the birth of Christ, and coming down to the present day. The coinage represented, is Greek, Roman, Saxon, Norman, Danish, English, Austrian, Prussian, Polish, &c. with a few rare American coins. The Roman coins and medals are from the first Emperors, in succession, down to the Byzantine Period. Not only Portraiture is delineated, but Architecture, Agriculture, History, and other branches of human learning, customs, and chronology.

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The Collection was in use in three of the great Scientific Institutions of London, where Professor CHILTON was lecturing when his death suddenly occurred; and the Masonic Brotherhood took charge of the coins and books and sent them to me—his widow—at New Orleans.

Should it be possible to take steps in your city to purchase this Collection, you will oblige by addressing MAJOR E. C. WHARTON, Ass't Editor, New Orleans Picayune.

MRS. CHILTON.



Aug 28. '72

A. Hyde

Dear Sir

The bearer of this  
note, Edward O'Connor de-  
sires to have some papers  
(recommendations) which  
I placed in your hands  
I think - If you think  
it proper, please hand  
them to him.

Yrs truly

J. L. Hale



Hall. J. B. (70)

Asking to have  
papers of Ed. C. Conner  
returned to him.

Aug 23. 1872

Ed. Conner